

fight on two separate occasions, with the distinguished Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], which would restore to schools the authority to deal with this growing tide of violence.

Our amendment, considered radical by many in this body, said that school districts in Morton, WA, for example, or in Bridgeport, CT, for example, were in a far better position than was any Federal bureaucrat to judge what was necessary to combat this rising and disruptive wave of violence. Although on both occasions our amendment was accepted first by a voice vote and secondly by an overwhelming majority, in each occasion it was dropped in conference. I felt so strongly about this provision that I voted against the final passage of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act late last fall.

There are, of course, some who will continue to disagree with this goal, who will continue to find that only the Federal Government is capable of making value judgments among students when violence is at issue. I am certainly going to be willing to work with those who disagree and to craft a policy that will attempt to deal with their concerns. But our primary goal, one which cannot be compromised, must be to restore local control to the educators—who are on the firing line, who are in the classroom—the right, the privilege, and the duty to deal with school violence.

I intend to work, as a member of the Labor Committee, to ensure that the Federal Government does not stand in the way of educating our children in a safe and positive environment.

I invite all of the school teachers and principals and their organizations around the country who have stories to tell about how Federal rules and regulations have tied their hands when it comes to dealing with violent students to contact me, to contact my staff, to contact the committee. I want to know how I can make certain that the Federal Government does not make this problem worse.

I want you to know that this Senator trusts the teachers and administrators of the schools of this country and wants to give to them the flexibility to deal with these challenges. We must do everything we can to ensure that our children go to school in an environment conducive to learning, and that means an environment safe for them and for their teachers.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, in his capacity as a Senator from Montana, asks unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be dispensed with.

Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Senate Resolution 400, 94th Congress, and Senate Resolution 4, 95th Congress, appoints the following Senators to the Select Committee on Intelligence: the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. DEWINE], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON], the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK], and the Senator from Maine [Mr. COHEN].

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Senate Resolution 400, 94th Congress, and Senate Resolution 4, 95th Congress, appoints the following Senators to the Select Committee on Intelligence: the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. KERREY], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. GLENN], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. BRYAN], the Senator from Florida [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. JOHNSTON], and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. ROBB].

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C., sections 42 and 43, appoints the following Senators as members of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON].

The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85-874, as amended, appoints the Senator from Kansas [Mr. DOLE] to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The Chair, in his capacity as a Senator from Montana, suggests the absence of a quorum.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be a period for morning business, with Members entitled to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations, which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 172. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation for the vessel *L. R. Beattie*; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 173. A bill to provide for restitution of victims of crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. SIMON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DODD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. PELL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. SNOWE, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. BRADLEY):

S. Res. 31. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate that the Attorney General should act immediately to protect reproductive health care clinics; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. Res. 32. A resolution to make minority party appointments to Senate Committees under paragraph 3 (a) and (b) of Rule XXV for the One Hundred Fourth Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DOLE:

S. Res. 33. A resolution making majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 104th Congress; considered and agreed to.

S. Res. 34. A resolution amending paragraphs 3(a), 3(b), and 3(c) of Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

S. Res. 35. A resolution making majority party appointments to the Small Business Committee for the 104th Congress; considered and agreed to.